

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 354

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to commend Samantha Leneé Key for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Leneé Key is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Representative John Hood; Samantha's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, she shared her office and developed a cohesive work relationship with fellow intern Patrice Brown and together, the two established a highly efficient and conscientious office charged with supporting the duties of the Calendar and Rules Committee, as well as the Local Government Sub-Committee; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Samantha has achieved academic success while majoring in political science with a concentration in public administration and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Key graduated from Smith County High School in 2005 and earned an Associate of Science degree from Volunteer State Community College in 2007; and

WHEREAS, she distinguished herself while attending Volunteer State by serving as a President's Ambassador and volunteering as a math tutor; and

WHEREAS, Samantha was selected as "Best All-Around Intern" by the 2008 legislative intern class and was awarded the Community Foundation Senator Carl O. Koella Scholarship from the Tennessee Lobbyist Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her duties as a legislative intern, Ms. Key took on duties normally reserved for a staff member after the legislative assistant took on another position early in the legislative session; Samantha worked with diligence and commitment displaying much intelligence and maturity; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Key selflessly donates her time as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, building a home with her church's youth group, as well as the American Red Cross, where she assists with food drives and disaster relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Key also volunteers as a Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in Carthage, where faithfully attends as an active and devout member; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Key is very grateful for the love and support she shares with her family, which include her parents, David and Tammie Key; her brother, Michael; her nephews, Justin and Jaxson; her grandparents, Jimmy and Mary Lou Key and Linda Slagle; her great grandmother, Dartha Key; and her great-great-great-grandfather, H.T. Key, who served in the State House of Representatives for Smith County during the fifty-ninth Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, she is also very thankful for the love and companionship of her beloved dog, Henry; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Key brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Samantha Key has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she gained great respect for the work of Representative John Hood and grateful appreciation for the assistance and advice of committee staff members, Todd Staley, Ann Radford, and Tuwania Wells; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Key has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Samantha Leneé Key for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Calendar and

Rules Committee and its officers, Chairman Larry Miller, Vice-Chairman John Hood, and Secretary Nathan Vaughn, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.